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METHOD OF CORRECTING A LASER BEAM INTENSITY, LASER BEAM
INTENSITY CORRECTION MECHANISM AND MULTI-BRANCHED LASER
OSCILLATION DEVICE HAVING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 2001-004162, filed January 11, 2001. A copy of the Japanese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto, with what is believed to be the pertinent portion enclosed in a wavy line. An English translation of the enclosed portion is also attached hereto.

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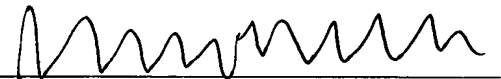
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